

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and then allowance.

Amended claims 20, 22 and 24 present different wording to make explicit what Applicants considered explicit in the claims presented in the Preliminary Amendment. It is respectfully submitted that the linguistic change does not contract claim scope and places these claims in allowable form. Applicants respectfully solicit an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX**

Amendments to the existing claims:

20. (Amended) A crosslinkable resin composition comprising a compound as defined in claim 1, said resin composition crosslinkable ~~being capable of crosslinking by~~ irradiation with an active energy beam.

22. (Amended) An aqueous crosslinkable resin composition comprising a composition as defined in claim 1, said resin composition crosslinkable ~~being capable of crosslinking~~ by irradiation with an active energy beam.

24. An aqueous paint for wood, comprising a composition as defined in claim 1, said paint crosslinkable ~~being capable of crosslinking by~~ irradiation with an ultraviolet light.